

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 1, 4, 10, 13, 18 and 27 as follows:

b1 ~~1. (Amended) A crawler vehicle comprising a car body and a plurality of identical crawler assemblies, each said crawler assembly comprising a crawler track supported on a crawler frame, said crawler track being powered by a drive assembly connected to the crawler frame at a location spaced away from a center of said crawler assembly.~~

b2 4. (Amended) The crawler vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the drive assembly for each crawler assembly comprises:

a) a hydraulic drive motor mounted on said car body, said hydraulic drive motor being connected to a hydraulic pump by a plurality of hydraulic hoses;

b) a track drive gear box mounted on an end of said crawler frame and connected to said crawler track, said gear box comprising a right-angle gear set and a speed reduction gear set; and

c) a mechanical drive shaft for transmitting power from said hydraulic drive motor to said crawler drive gear box.

b3 ~~10. (Amended) A crawler crane having an upper works rotatably mounted on a lower works, said lower works comprising a car body and a pair of interchangeable crawler assemblies, each said crawler assembly comprising a crawler track supported on a crawler frame, said crawler track being powered by a drive assembly that is at least partially supported by an end of the crawler frame.~~

13. (Amended) The crawler crane according to claim 10, wherein the drive assembly for each crawler assembly comprises:

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- a) a hydraulic drive motor mounted on said car body, said hydraulic drive motor being connected to a hydraulic pump by a plurality of hydraulic hoses;
 - b) a track drive gear box mounted on the end of said crawler frame and connected to said crawler track, said gear box comprising a right-angle gear set and a speed reduction gear set; and
 - c) a mechanical drive shaft for transmitting power from said hydraulic drive motor to said crawler drive gear box.

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~~48. (Amended) A crawler vehicle comprising a car body, a first crawler assembly and a second crawler assembly, said first crawler assembly being removably mounted to a first side of said car body, said second crawler assembly being removably mounted to a second side of said car body, said first crawler assembly and said second crawler assembly each comprising a crawler track supported on a crawler frame, said crawler track being powered by a drive assembly comprising a hydraulic drive motor, said hydraulic drive motor being mechanically coupled to the crawler track near one end of the crawler frame, wherein said first crawler assembly is configured to be mountable on said second side of said car body and said second crawler assembly is configured to be mountable on said first side of said car body.~~

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~~27. (Amended Twice) A crawler crane having an upper works rotatably mounted on a lower works, a boom pivotally mounted on said upper works, a load hoist line for lifting loads, said lower works comprising two independently powered crawler assemblies each mounted on a car body, each said crawler assembly being of identical design and comprising a crawler track supported by a crawler frame, wherein each said crawler track is powered by:~~

~~a) a hydraulic drive motor mounted on said car body, said drive motor being connected to a hydraulic pump by a plurality of hydraulic hoses;~~

b) a track drive gear box mounted on an end of said crawler frame and connected to said crawler track, said gear box comprising a right-angle gear set and a speed reduction gear set; and

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c) a mechanical drive shaft for transmitting power from said hydraulic drive motor to said crawler drive gear box, said drive shaft comprising a first and a second end, said first end being connected to said drive motor, said second end being connected to said right-angle gear set, wherein both of said connections comprise a universal joint and at least one of said connections is removable to permit disassembly of said crawler assembly from said car body without disconnecting said hydraulic drive motor from said hydraulic pump.

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Claims 1-5, 9-14, 18-22 and 26-29 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 10, 13, 18 and 27 have been rewritten. The changes to the rewritten claim from the previous version to the rewritten version are shown in Appendix A (attached hereto as Tab A), with brackets for deleted matter and underlines for added matter. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant has not received an initialed copy of the PTO Form-1449 that was provided with the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on April 2, 2001. A copy of the previously submitted PTO Form-1449 is enclosed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the previously submitted PTO Form-1449 for Applicant's records.

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In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-3 and 9-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,416,622 to Helm et al. ("Helm"). Claims 18-20 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Helm in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,872,939 to Eckert ("Eckert"). Claims 4, 5, 13, 14, 18-22 and 26-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Helm in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,158,535 to Porubcansky et